

*Gordon Henderson (dressed in his Henderson kilt), and young son, Ruarion. Gordon is here from Scotland and the RAF to train with the USAF for three years.*

*Gordon won the bonny knees contest at the San Antonio Scottish Games, and presented the trophy to his bonny wee son.*

See more in Elton Stilwell story on page 23.

## *Henderson AGM 2016 moved to Rural Hill (Loch Norman)*

The 2016 Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting will be held in Rural Hill, NC (Loch Norman Scottish Games).

Clan Henderson Executive Committee made this decision after receiving notice that the scheduled 2016 AGM site in Florida had cancelled its annual festival.

## *A new (Celtic) game in town*

There has long been an absence of Scottish Festivals and Highland Games in Texas during the summer. Some people think that it would be too hot (think of that!) A new group in the Texas Hill Country has decided to challenge that concept. The Kerr County Celtic Association is well on the way to realizing a dream of its own Celtic Festival and Highland Games in August this year.

The first annual Kerr County Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games promises to be an unique Celtic experience. It will be held in the shadow of Kerr County's own Stongehenge on the Guadalupe River near the Point Theater, Ingram, Texas August 15 -16, 2015. All are invited to come and enjoy the Texas Hill Country and celebrate their Scottish heritage with piping, dancing, and Scottish athletics. This will be a two day event with a full

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# *A Message from Steve Henderson, Clan Genealogist*



The Henderson Consolidated Family Tree presently contains over 84,000 people, 134 photos, and 2331 records. There are also over 43,000 hints and 1700 photo hints to go through. This Consolidated Tree was sent out to a dedicated group of our members to then divide into single family trees. This resulted in an additional 470 trees being created. I have since added another 100 or so trees as members continually send in information.

So, you want to get your family information into the tree? What do I need from you? Simple: send me an email with the following information (if I don't have this simple information—it is almost useless to me.)

- ◆ Your name and member number (you can get this from CHS VP, Members (hendo28@comcast.net))
- ◆ Your parents name (Henderson Line)—when and where they were born and when/where they died (if known)
- ◆ Your grandparents name (Henderson Line)—when and where born/died.
- ◆ Desired but not critical: Dates of marriage. Children from the marriage (bros' and sis')
- ◆ Any other names/info in your line (if known).

Be sure the Subject Line on the email says: Info for the Family Tree. I get hundreds of emails and many are just distractions. Please be patient with me. I'll get to it but I am a volunteer and this is quite a workload.

Once I have your information, I will check if they are already in the tree. If not, I will add your family info as a new tree. The next step is up to Ancestry.com. Once your tree is checked or newly made, you will receive an email from Ancestry.com with the link to your tree. They will have you set-up a password for your access and explain how to use it. Once in Ancestry.com you will be able to look at additional records (if any) that I've attached

to your tree. You will be able to print this tree and add photos. However, unless you are a member of Ancestry.com you will not be able to do further research on your own. If you find an error on your tree, please send me an email using the subject line: Family Tree Error.

Please use the following email address to contact me. <[hendersongen@bellsouth.net](mailto:hendersongen@bellsouth.net)>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you haven't heard from Ancestry.com, after a two month period, call me at (904)287-9990.

## *A note from Loch Norman's Brother Dave*

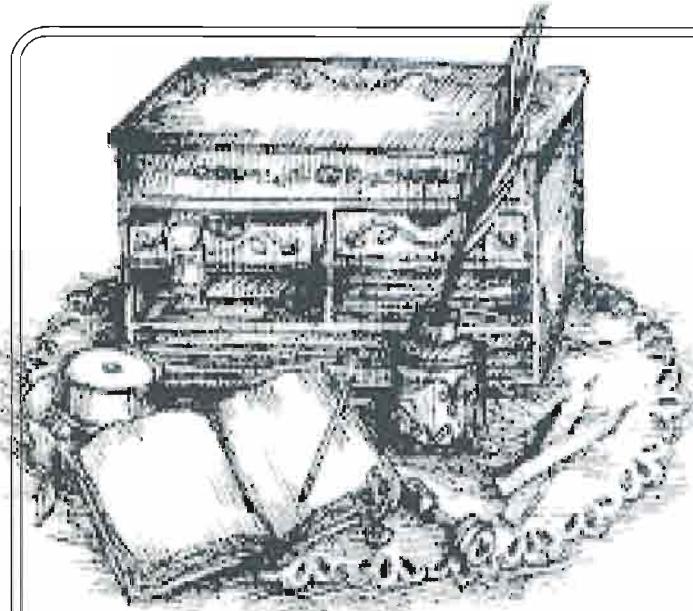
Having been raised at Hopewell, the folks listed below are why I am connected to Rural Hill and work to sustain Loch Norman Games.

This is my line of Henderson's (Ulster Scots of the Catawba River Valley). Every generation of male descendant's on my line has either been a David Robinson or Andrew Robinson Henderson since 1751. **Rural Hill** is Davidson homeplace and our homeplace was next one downstream on Catawba River, named **River Bend**. The nearby Alexander homeplace was named **Alexandriana**.

I was Director of Opening Ceremonies again this year at Loch Norman and prior to 1000 hours was herding cats when you arrived. As part of our tradition, Clan Henderson sponsored the Kilt Dedication at 1100 hours. "All Hands on Deck" were needed to help sponsor the Novices. The Event was well attended, and was open to all Clans present at the Games. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Loch Norman Pipe Band piped the Novices around the field. It is always a special event! Was good to see you all on the field,

Aye, Brother Dave

*To contact Steve Henderson, Clan Henderson Society Genealogist, please use  
[hendersongen@bellsouth.net](mailto:hendersongen@bellsouth.net)*



# *The* **President's Message**

**Tom Hendricks,**

Clan Henderson Society President

Slante,

Hello everyone! As spring activities end and summertime activities and vacations begin this is the time for traveling. As part of your travels try to take in a Scoottish Festival or two. They are a lot of fun and educational. Well, so far Linda and I have survived the Oklahoma weather. This has been a record month of rainfall in our state. Texas is also suffering through this unusual monsoon weather. So keep both states in your prayers.

If you have gone to our website, there is a need for 2 regional Commissioners Mid-Central (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa), and North Central (North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota). We could also use convenors in these regions. Please consider volunteering to set up a Henderson tent at your local festival in these regions. The Clan is also in need of a Quartermaster. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact me or the VP of Operations.

The AGM is fast approaching. If you are planning on attending, make your reservations now. I hope you are going, I truly would like to meet you. The AGM will be in Salado, Texas November 13th through the 15th. Dick and Sue Hoffman are working diligently to make our AGM a success. Information on rooms and events for the AGM are listed and will be updated on the Clan Henderson website.

If you go to a Festival and there is a Henderson clan tent you will be welcome there. Remember in your travels, please drive carefully and be safe. I hope to see you at the AGM.

*Tom Hendricks*

## Costa Mesa Games 23-24 May 2015

Joe Henderson, South Pacific Commissioner

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Highland Gathering and Festival of the United Scottish Societies returned to the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California for the Memorial Day Weekend on May 23-24. My co-convener was my sister Jane Hitchner from Tampa, Florida who joined me in shared the duties of convening the Henderson tent for the Games and to celebrate my birthday.

The weather for the weekend was good through the weekend. During the festival, we were entertained with a wide variety of Scottish and Celtic music on four stages including the Alex Beaton Stage. Entertainers included The Wicked Tinkers – with our own CJ Henderson, and nine other musical entertainers, eighteen Pipe Bands including the LA Scots Pipe Band, the San Diego Celtic Harp Group, Scottish Country Dancers, Highland Dance Competions, and more.

Seventy six clans and societies set up their tents to represent their memberships along with Clan Henderson at the festival. Twenty-six Henderson cousins and their families visited our tent during the 2 day event including Nellie Lowry, CJ Henderson, Jeffrey Henderson, Matthew and Angie Henderson, Don and Carolyn Henderson from Pittsburgh, PA, Judith Freeman, Jim and Mary Henderson, Scott and Casey Pipkin with their son Anthony Lee, Elsie Hendry, Diana Henderson Salazar (cousin of Gary Henderson) and Dan Hendry

During the weekend, we gave an Clan Activity Book or a Clan Coloring Book to the young children of our members who visited us wit, crayons, candies, shortbread cookies, and other “goodies”.

## Send your Clan Henderson Membership Renewals to:

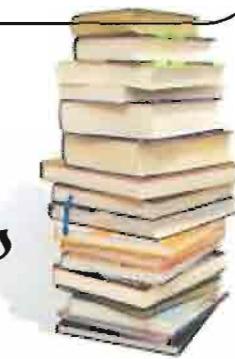
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Please use your membership number when  
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*Our writers  
and  
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this issue*



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# *You are urged to attend the Henderson 2015 Annual General Meeting in Texas*

The 2015 Clan Henderson AGM will be held at the Salado Scottish Festival, November 13-15. This will be the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Salado festival, making it the longest running Scottish Festival in Texas. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Stagecoach Inn for \$80 per night. Book these rooms early. Traditionally, for this event, the Stagecoach is fully booked by the end of April. The phone number is (254) 947-5111. When booking your reservation, mention that you are with Clan Henderson to receive the \$80 rate. There are other hotels in Salado and in nearby Temple but the Stagecoach is within walking

ping opportunities. Clan Henderson will be one of the honored clans at the festival. We will participate in a Calling of the Clans on Friday night. This is followed by a Welcome Social at the Scottish Museum for an additional charge of \$10 per person. On Saturday night there is a Tartan Dinner for an additional charge of \$35 per person. We have not been to the Tartan Dinner but the Welcome Social is a lot of fun and worth the price.

The weather for this festival is usually quite nice. It can be cool and sometimes rainy. But, for those of you who have been to the Arlington games, you will not have

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distance of the festival grounds.

Salado, Texas is located on I35 between Austin and Temple. If you are flying in, we suggest that you fly into Austin. Salado is about 1 hour north on I35. You can also fly into DFW or Love Field in Dallas. It is about a 3 ½ hour drive south from either of those airports. Salado is a tourist town with a significant Scottish background. There are small museums to see and lots of shop-

to endure the heat that we usually have there.

You can find additional information on Salado on the internet at [Salado.com](http://Salado.com).

For more information on the festival, including pre-order of tickets, go to [Saladoscottishfestival.com](http://Saladoscottishfestival.com).

If you have other questions, you can contact the Texas Conveners at (214) 952-9378 or [sue.hoffman@suddenlink.net](mailto:sue.hoffman@suddenlink.net).

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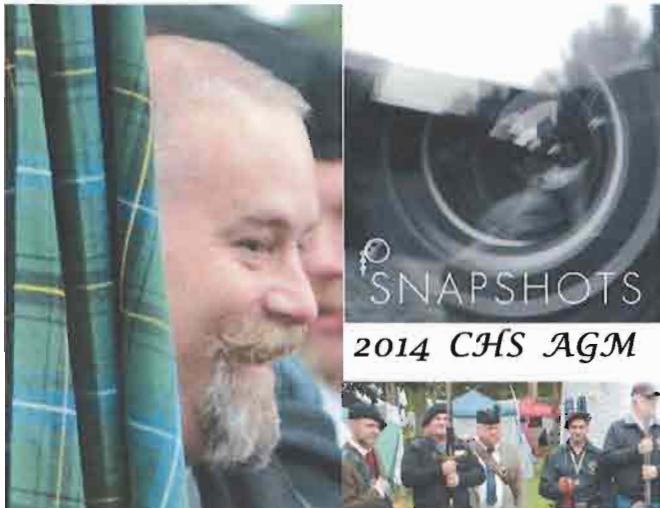
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info - first and last name.*

Dear Everyone: This *An Canach* is the regulation 28 pages. I simply could not do more this time.

The articles I could not fit in this time include: Highlight on a Henderson Highlander by Mark Henderson and Elton Stillwell's Part 2 and Part 3, The Royal Scot Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry.

I have been working on this issue for more than six weeks as I had complete right hip replacement on 6 May and wanted to be sure and get the issue out on time. I have felt worse than terrible ever since the surgery.

I am sending the issue to the two Mark Henderson's on June 4, 2015. Aye, beth



An *Canach* submission dates:

1 June, 1 September,  
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Clan Henderson on the Internet:  
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Please always use your  
member number when you contact  
the society.

## *Henderson's have very close ties to the Davidson's of Rural Hill Farm*

Rebekah Henderson Megerian, a longtime CHS member from North Carolina, invited all Henderson's to attend a memorial ceremony that placed a DAR marker on the grave of William Bane Alexander.

The ceremony occurred on April 18, the Saturday of the Loch Norman games, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, just down Beattie's Ford Road, close to the games.



Why is this ceremony of interest to Clan Henderson? Here's why ... Rebekah just sent some interesting lineage to the Clan Henderson Genealogist.

It all focuses on William Bane Alexander. It seems William married Violet Davidson, daughter of the owner of Rural Hill, where the Loch Norman Scottish Games are held.

WILLIAM BAIN/BANE ALEXANDER (25 APR 1764 - 23 JAN 1844) m. VIOLET DAVIDSON (28 AUG 1771 - 26 OCT 1821) She was the daughter of Maj. John Davidson and Violet Wilson of Rural Hill.

Their marriage produced 14 children. Of these, their daughter, Mary Davidson Alexander (1797-1854) married David Robinson Henderson (1793-1846), son of Andrew Henderson and their son, John Ramsey Alexander (1801-1873) married Harriet Van Hays Henderson (1804-1882), daughter of Andrew Henderson.

Additionally, the Henderson connection to Rural Hill further solidified when their grandson, John McKnitt Alexander (1850-1895), son of William and Violet's sixth child, James McKnitt Alexander (1808-1856) married Mary Elizabeth Henderson (1851-1940), daughter of Mary and David, above (a wee close tie there...?). Finally, their 14<sup>th</sup> and last child, Mary Abigail Alexander (1813-1845) married Kerns Henderson Robinson (1810-1845)—Kerns and Mary died together after one year of marriage.

# Clan Henderson Society

## Flowers of the Forest

**Mary Louise Nixon:** Widow of Frank Nixon, teacher and coach at Lakewood High School; Daughter of Eleanor and D.A.

Henderson; Sister of Donald Henderson (Nana); Mother of Nancy Louise, Jean (dec), Donald Alex (Christine) and others; Grandmother of Grace, Brendan, Elizabeth and Ethan born 30 April 1934 and died April 17, 2015.

She was a lifelong resident of Lakewood and served on many civic and education groups. Graduate of Lakewood High School, of Flora Stone Mather College (CWRU) with majors in chemistry and mathematics, and of Kent State University with a master's degree in counseling / personnel work.

Community Activities: Trustee of Lakewood Public Library, member and past president of Lakewood League of Women Voters, member and chair of the Lakewood Community Development Block Grant Program, LHS Boosters Club, Lakewood Committee for Comprehensive Housing Affordability, and others.

After teaching for a time, Mary worked in student counseling. She was a counselor and financial aid advisor for over thirty years for the Cleveland Scholarship Programs (presently College Now) She worked with students and families in many schools and agencies in Cuyahoga County. Her special passion was working with foster youth.

Citations, recognition and honors : Chief's Prize – Clan Henderson Society of USA of which she was a longtime member; Pacesetter Award – Greater Cleve-



land Enterprising Women; WomenCare Award – Women's Board of Lakewood Hospital; Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame – Lakewood Public Schools Alumni Association ; Education Hero Award – American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter; Charter member of a Scholarship Selection Committee – Cleveland Foundation; Movers and Shakers – Plain Dealer; Honored Sheroes – Catholic Charities, Fatima Family Center; Women's Education Award – Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; Dedication to Youth award Children and Family Services of Cuyahoga County; 2004 Most Treasured Volunteer Award – Human Services Institute Center for Community Solutions; Governmental recognition citations – George V. Voinovich, Dennis J. Kucinich, Ohio House of Representatives, Mike DeWine, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Richard Celeste.

Remembrances should be made to Lakewood Public Library – Children's Department 15425 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107

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**Dean G. Merrill**, age 60, of The Villages, Florida, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2015 after enduring a very long and courageous battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was the loving husband of Rori Merrill. He was born in Heidelberg, Germany and was raised in his beloved and idyllic Thomaston, Maine, where he will make his final resting place.

He was a College Professor of Biology for many years as well as a Marine Biologist and teaching students gave him such immense joy.

Dean served in the U.S. Navy and moved to Florida in the early 1990s. He was a member of the Clan Henderson Society.

He will be very deeply missed by his beloved wife of just 4 short years, Rori Merrill, his loving mother,

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# Clan Henderson at the Las Vegas Highland Games

Steve Henderson, Roving Reporter



Steve Henderson, now into the ninth month of his road trip around the USA as the Roving Convener for CHS, was at the 11th Annual Games in Las Vegas, NV on 18 and 19 April. Many of the people who attended stopped at our CHS tent and Steve talked with all of them. People were encouraged to go to our website to join CHS by contacting Mark Henderson in VA and certain more historical seeking Henderson-connected people were entreated to contact CHS Genealogist Steve Henderson in FL.

Persons of special interest include: Nate and Nicole Henderson know their Henderson relatives came to Utah as part of the Mormon migrations of the 19th century. They have their specific Henderson records from the LDS church; so, I gave them a membership form and asked them to send their family records to Steve in FL.

Jason Henderson and his son, Alex, got a membership form to join CHS and, after Jason related that his Henderson family came to Canada from Scotland, I asked him to send these records to Steve in FL.

Dean and Teri Martin share the same 12th generation removed grandmother, Margaret Henderson, from Scotland. They received a membership form to send to Mark in VA and I asked them to send genealogical info to Steve in FL.

Stacy Thompson is a Henderson on her maternal side and she said those family records were lost in a fire

in ND years ago. I encouraged her to go to the website to find info that might be there and to join CHS. Hopefully, she also will contact Steve in FL for connections to her family.

Ten additional people were encouraged by me to seek further info about their maternal Henderson connections. About three dozen children came to the tent to get information about our clan; I talked to them all and signed their Scotland map. Truthfully, had a great time in the heat of two days in north Las Vegas. Hope we get some membership and genealogical feedback.

Two vendors came to the tent and I said we would tell CHS members who read this about their services: [pendragonjewelry@hotmail.com](mailto:pendragonjewelry@hotmail.com) sells sterling silver jewelry of Celtic, Irish and Scottish stones;

Edward Grant Ries, a USMC veteran of the Vietnam era, has written four historical novels about 18th century Scotland. Contact him at [Ries.edward@gmail.com](mailto:Ries.edward@gmail.com) to discover more about these books.

The next Highland Games I will attend occur in Prescott, AZ on 9 and 10 May.

Then my plans are to travel to CA and drive north up the Pacific coast highway to the U.S.-Canada border. I plan to go out of my way to go to festivals in the Pacific Northwest (when I receive more info about dates and places from NE Commissioner Ellen Bentley).





# Clan Henderson at the Phoenix Highland Games

Steve Henderson, Roving Reporter

Steve Henderson, Roving Convener for Clan Henderson, attended the 51st annual Phoenix Highland Games on 21 and 22 March 2015. With 47 clans and 7 Celtic groups represented, about 3,000 people came to the festival. A large space was granted for all the clans and another larger space was allocated to vendors and entertainment and activities for children and Celtic games.

Not too many people ventured into the clan area, so we really did not get much crowd action. However, we talked to all who came by the Henderson tent and we took great pleasure in meeting eight different people who claimed Henderson ancestry on their maternal lineage.

I provided all these "cousins" with a copy of *An Canach* and encouraged each of them to join CHS by sending multiple year dues to Membership Chair Mark Henderson. Also, I asked these people to send facts about their Henderson heritage to Steve Henderson in Florida. So, although we had little traffic in the clan area, we made some contacts and believe most will follow up by contacting CHS leaders (who received a separate email with names of these maternal-related Hendersons.

Several clan members tried to sell items to me - I advised these people about telling CHS members about their services: St. Croix Weaving of Hudson, WI sells all woven items for Celtic use - except for kilts. Contact them at <[weaver@stcroixweaving.com](mailto:weaver@stcroixweaving.com)> or at 1-715-381-5224.

Steve McKinnis, of the International Association of Clan MacInnes, and his wife showed copies of a cookbook they are selling to raise money for clan scholarships. If you are interested in buying *The Food of Our Scottish Ancestors* you may contact them at <[www.macinnes.org](http://www.macinnes.org)> and purchase copies.

Will be in Las Vegas, NV games in mid-April and then will return to AZ in early May for the Prescott Highland Games. In between those events, I'll travel the "blue highways" of NV, UT, and CO. After Prescott, will visit with my son and his family for a few days in Sedona, AZ and then will hightail it to San Diego, CA and drive the Pacific Coast Highway up to Alaska.

Yours aye, Steve

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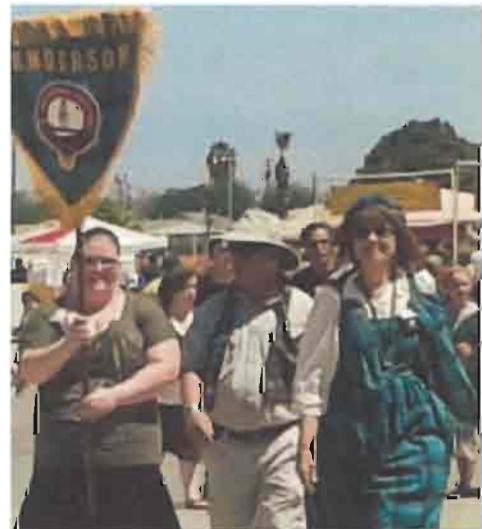




*John & Sherrilyn McKendry (Central CA Conveners) and Anthony Lee (recipient of Scholarship for Piping) at the presentation of Anthony's award. (Story next page, please.)*



*Brad and Angela Henderson at the Bakersfield Scottish Games and Gathering Clan Henderson tent.*



*Marissa Henderson Jones, Shawn, and Sherrilyn McKendry*

# Bakersfield SCOTTISH GAMES GATHERING

John & Sherrilyn McKendry, Central CA Conveners

The 20<sup>th</sup> Bakersfield (CA) Highland Gathering and Games were held on Saturday, April 18 2014 at the Kern County Fair Grounds in Bakersfield, CA. It was a clear, breezy day with a high of 89 degrees.

John and Sherrilyn McKendry were proud to represent Clan Henderson by hosting the Clan tent this year. This year's honorary Chieftains were Charlie Wilson, WWII Veteran and Larry Pollard, Korea/Vietnam Veteran. Sherrilyn McKendry, Marissa (Henderson) Jones, and Kacey Henderson Pipkin marched in the Opening Ceremonies and held our banner high! The Ceremonies were led by a mass pipe band comprised of members from Tehachapi Mountain, Fresno Stag & Thistle, Ripon Police and Fire, Gold Coast and Pasadena Scottish Pipe and Drum. We had many visitors to the Tent this year due to the Clan tents being placed near the Main entrance to the Fair grounds. We were so happy and delighted by the amount of "Wee Ones" that visited and had their papers stamped. It's good to see that parents are having their children learn about Scottish History and customs.

After the Opening Ceremonies, A \$250.00 Clan Henderson Scholarship for Piping was awarded to, Anthony (The Boy) Lee. The award was presented by Sherrilyn McKendry, with 20 friends and family in attendance.

During the Gathering, we enjoyed the sounds of the Young Dubliners, Bad Haggis, Paddy Murphy and Banshee in the Kitchen. In the Tea Room, entertainment was Wrenwood and LA Scottish Fiddlers

Activities on the grounds; The Celts, Heritage Queen Re-enactors, Gypsy Time Travelers Storytellers, Scottish Heavy Athletics, herding dog demonstrations,



*Anthony (The Boy) Lee, son of Scott and Kacey (Henderson) Pipkin, CHS Piping Scholarship winner, performing at the games.*

Piping Competition, Bonny Knees competition, Haggis Hurl and Children's Glen by Society for Disabled Children.

There were fewer clan tents this year because the Las Vegas Games were on the same day. Several Henderson cousins visited the tent: Scott and Kacey Henderson Pipkin, Anthony Lee (Henderson Piper in training), Kathy Henderson and Corky Blain, Anita and

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## A “Thank You” from Evelyn Fite

Dear Mr. Henderson,

My parents and I found the perfect use for the Henderson Scholarship while we were at a dance competition in Cary, NC.

We realized that both mykilt and my vest were too small, but luckily there was a dance outfit consignment sale right there!

So, we used the scholarship money to purchase a used kilt and jacket as well as tartan socks, which are advanced as far as costumes go.

I have included a photo of myself in the new outfit.

I did pretty well at that same competition with three fourth places, a third place and another third in choreography.

I will wear my new outfit for the first time at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and I will try to stop by the Henderson clan tent while I’m there in late April.

One more thank you for helping me get the scholarship - and the new outfit!

I hope you and all the other Hendersons know how much I appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Fite

## *Erica Milner Highly Decorated in Albany, NY dance event!*

My daughter, Erica, had a clean sweep at the 50th Annual Scotia Indoor Highland Dance competition held in Albany, NY, April 11<sup>th</sup>. She’ll be competing in upcoming weeks in Maryland and at the regional championship held Mother’s Day weekend in Savannah, GA. Thank you all for your support throughout the years as she continues to uphold the traditions of our heritage.

*Carol Martin, Clan Henderson Treasurer*



Erica  
& her  
Mom,  
Carol

# DNA works miraculously to unravel CHS member Robin P. Ward's knotted genealogy

Hello Jim, My name is Robin P Ward and I am a new member of Clan Henderson. This all came about as a rather surprising FTDNA 67/67 and subsequent 109/111 match to Tom J Henderson (reported just today) as a result of much bullying of my brother Herb to take a Y 67 test. My Ward surname is well documented back to abt. 1800 in Carlow Town, Ireland but I had always been perplexed that I had few Ward paternal line matches from either Ancestry or FTDNA.

My father's maternal line had plenty of unsurprising matches, but no Ward matches at levels beyond 12 markers. I at first wrote this off to the fact that my father was an only child and his 1st cousins who survived childhood were all female. When my brother finally relented to testing, his perfect and many close matches were surnamed Henderson.

My grad work was in Genetics so I had a pretty good idea of what I was seeing and what it meant. But when I contacted Tom's daughter, Pam Henderson, and

she told me that her great grandfather's name was Thomas Ward Henderson and allowed me to view her Ancestry tree where I found another surname which we shared.

My oldest known Ward is Thomas Ward and his wife was Abigail Cantrell. The Cantrell surname appears in both Pam's and my trees, though her Cantrell was born in the US and mine in Ireland.

The Ward and Cantrell names in both our traditional family lines strongly suggested an in-family adoption of a Henderson male raised as a Ward rather than an illegitimacy.

Several months back, before my brother's DNA test, as a complete shot in the dark, I googled "Captain Thomas Ward" and found there was a man with that

name who was with the Ulster Volunteers in an Artillery unit during the mid 18th century (1766). That was especially interesting as my great grandfather, Richard J Ward was also a "Sapper" in the Royal Engineers prior to his emigration to the US in 1881.

When my brother's results came in and I learned a bit about the Ulster Plantation and the Henderson line from Ulster, things were coming together, but I wasn't really sure where to go from there as far as DNA testing goes (Herb is the only male Ward surnamed individual left in my Ward line).

I have had my father's second cousin, who is not surnamed Ward, tested and am about to transfer that data to FTDNA, but I'm not sure that is going to buy me anything. FF matching has not turned up much in the way of help as yet, but I have only known about "my" Henderson line for a few months.

This background is basically a response to the suggestion to test male cousins in order to be able to

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## Bakersfield Gathering, continued from page 11



CHS member, Brian Henderson at the Bakersfield event.

Blair Miller, L. Hess (Henderson), Brian Henderson, Katherine Avery, Ellen Hazelwood, Brad and Angela Henderson, Alex and Marissa (Henderson) Jones and Shawn Williford. A special thanks to all that shared their photos. We lost our camera.

# Locating Native American Ancestors in Federal Census Records



Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Locating Native American ancestors enumerated in Federal census returns prior to 1900 is a challenge unless they resided on designated reservations visited by Federal enumerators.

Native Americans first appear in the 1870 census identified in column 6 by "I" or "IN", the recognized abbreviations for Indians at that time.

Some reservations were identified separately; others were lumped into the general area being enumerated.

In 1860, the Federal census of the Indian Territory in Oklahoma listed only white settlers.

In the 1880 census Indians are listed in column 4 in the same manner as described in the 1870 census.

Regardless of which census is examined, it was common practice for Indians to be listed under their Anglicized name, not their Indian names. Indians of mixed blood were often listed as White or Black, not Indian, depending on the race of the spouse or the race of one of the parents.

The 1900 Federal census was the first to formally list Indians enumerated on the reservations and in the general population, as shown in column 5.

Special Indian schedules were usually found at the end of each county's census or on the last microfilm roll

for the state.

Thanks to advanced indexes online, especially on *Ancestry*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Family Search*, the process of locating individuals has become easier.

In the 1910 Federal census Indians on reservations and in the general population are identified in column 6.

Special Indian schedules are also found in returns for the county of residence.

Indians living with non-Indian families outside of reservations are found in the general population.

In the 1920 Federal census this information is found in column 10, but no special Indian schedules were posted.

In the 1930 Federal census Indians on reservations and in the general population are identified in column 12 (Color or Race).

Census enumerations conducted on reservations indicate the degree of Indian blood in column 19. The tribe is noted in column 20.

In the general population schedules this information is not provided. There were no special Indian schedules.

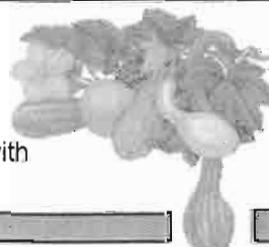
Watch for different spellings of last names, and unusual first and last names. In some cases this can indicate Indian ancestry. BLM 4/16/2015



## Native American Fried Squash Bread

Yield: 1 batch You will need: 1 cup corn meal; 2 Summer Squash, diced, 1 egg, Water, 1/4 cup Buttermilk

Cook squash in water until soft; leave 3/4 cup water in pot. Combine other ingredients with squash and water. Mix together. Fry in hot oil until golden brown.



# *An Canach* should post a warning! *a sequel*

James Henderson

My apologies to readers. Several pictures meant to accompany my prior submission didn't make it to publication (probably caused by my regrettable deficiency in computer literacy). I had also totally forgotten my purchase of a pair of Old Pulteney sipping glasses. They have the herring boat logo. Perfect for a "wee dram." I didn't mention my Henderson tartan flannel shirt (Lands End) or my tartan scarf either, but I've had those for years.



I've included prints of the missing pictures with this "sequel" submission. Of course they won't mean much if you haven't read the original article, so you should go back and do that now (Spring 2015 issue, page 23). The new pictures include: (1) the lamp made from an Old Pulteney 21-year-old scotch bottle. That was the "world-whiskey-of-the-year" award winner. Emptied it first, of course. Had to buy a replacement; (2) the Old Pulteney ball cap; and, (3) the pen made with wood from a used oak whisky barrel. Had contained the award-winning scotch. Presentation case. Certificate of authenticity.

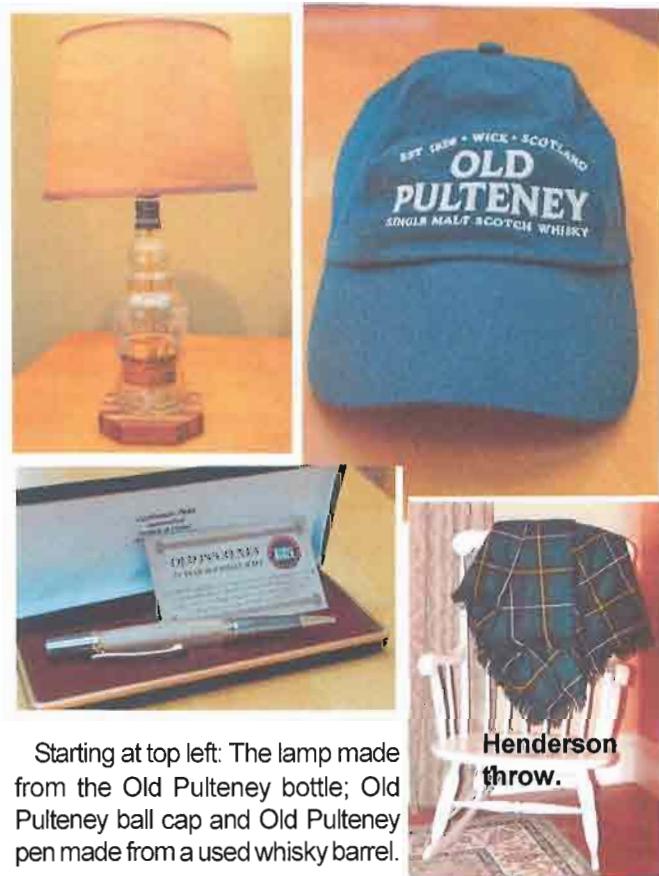
There's another reason for this follow-up, too. I've always wanted a Henderson tartan throw. I've hopefully looked in numerous catalogues. They all have throws, but none of them offered one with the Henderson tartan. Until now...!

I am pleased to be able to include a picture of my new, Henderson-tartan throw. Pure wool. Fleece backing with choice of several weights. A generous 55

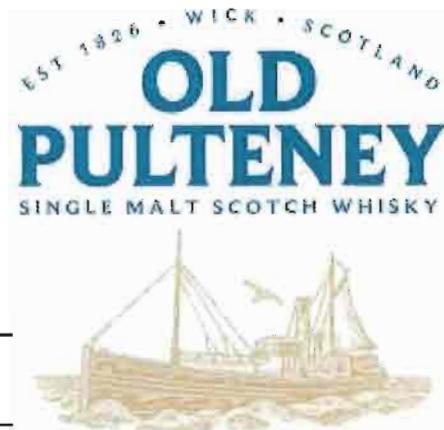
X 71 inches (Scotlandshop.com...Home & Fabrics). Looks real nice over the back of gramma's rocker.

And, perhaps my spending on all of these Henderson-related items is not so frivolous or out-of-control as I suggested in my original article. I got to thinking about that and I figured there's nothing wrong with showing some pride in my Scottish heritage and supporting the Scottish economy. In fact, I think it's quite admirable. A brilliant excuse. Now I just have to convince my wife.

I'm going to leave now to work on that.  
I wonder what I could find to send for next...



Starting at top left: The lamp made from the Old Pulteney bottle; Old Pulteney ball cap and Old Pulteney pen made from a used whisky barrel.



# *Our Scottish Games Calendar*

## *for June - August 2015*

### *with many thanks to Jan Warf*

#### *June 2015*

5 - 8 **Australian National Celtic Folk Festival**, Portarlington, VIC, Australia

6 **Milwaukee Highland Games**, Wauwatosa, WI

6 **Modesto Highland Games**, Modesto, CA  
*Dennis Henderson*

6 - 7 **Bellingham Scottish Highland Games**, Ferndale, WA

6 - 7 **Steppingstone Celtic Festival**, Havre De Grace, MD

12 - 13 **Utah Scottish Festival and Games**, Wellsville, UT

12 - 13 **Cheyenne Celtic Music Arts Festival**, Cheyenne, WY

12 - 14 **Celtic Festival and Highland Games**, Newport, OR

13 **Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival**, Richmond, RI

13 **Ithaca Scottish Games and Celtic Festival**, Ithaca, NY

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#### *Genealogical knot, continued from page 13*

place my Henderson line within a family grouping, which would make my traditional research a bit easier (I hope).

I don't have any other male Ward's to test.

I'm also in the process of getting everyone into GedMatch as well.

I will copy this email to several others who may have suggestions based on traditional genealogy so as to get as much help as I can. I would love to find the "connect" point as I have had this big, brick wall in front of my own surname and my father's paternal line in particular, and now, well, it was a rather strange feeling to find your own surname really should have been Henderson and not Ward.

Thanks and I welcome any suggestions anyone may have.

*Robin P. Ward, Surf City, NC, 910-538-9232*

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13 **Grande Prairie Highland Games**, Grande Prairie, AB, Canada

13 - 14 **Bressuire Highland Games**, Bressuire, France

13 - 14 **Blairsville Highland Games**, Blairsville, GA *Harry Keifer*

13 - 14 **Kansas City Scottish Highland Games**, Kansas City, MO

14 **Georgetown Highland Games**, Georgetown, ON, Canada

14 **Clover Scottish Games**, Clover, SC

18 - 20 **Taste of Scotland & Celtic Festival**, Franklin, NC

19 - 20 **Scottish Festival and Highland Games**, Itasca, IL

19 - 20 **Western NC Highlands Celtic Fest**, Black Mountain, NC

19 - 21 **Pikes Peak Celtic Festival**, Colorado Springs, CO

20 **Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games**, Prosser, WA *Ellen Bentley*

20 **Cobourg Highland Games**, Cobourg, ON, Canada

20 **Kachemak Bay Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival**, Homer, AK

21 **Moncton Highland Games**, Moncton, NB, Canada

26 - 27 **Ohio Scottish Games**, Wellington, OH *Doug Henderson*

26 - 27 **Tacoma Highland Games**, Graham, WA

27 **Nampa Celt Fest & Highland Games**, Nampa, ID

27 - 28 **San Diego Highland Games**, Vista, CA *Joe Henderson*

27 - 28 **Celtic Fling and Highland Games**, Manheim, PA

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**More Scottish Games**, continued on page 18

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# Henderson Hall Plantation -

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## Well worth the visit...



On a warm, sunny Friday before Labor Day, Kathleen and I headed south to Marietta, Ohio and the Ohio River.

After a fine lunch at the historic LaFayette Hotel, we crossed the river and headed downstream a couple of miles to Henderson Hall Plantation.

The Henderson family arrived here from Scotland in 1750. They settled in Virginia and became friends with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

In 1798, three Henderson brothers crossed the mountains to settle in the Ohio River Valley.

About that same time, wealthy Irish aristocrats, Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, founded an estate which became Blennerhassett Island.

**Doug Henderson, Great Lakes Commissioner**

Aaron Burr was scheming to create a separate country west of the Alleghenies with the Blennerhassett's. The Hendersons got wind of the plan and notified President Jefferson. They testified in Burr's treason trial of 1806.

From 1821 until 1859, Archibald Henderson served as the first Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In 1826, George Washington Henderson married Elizabeth Tomlinson and the 2600 acre plantation site was their home.

The Hendersons did well in their agricultural and business interests. They were well educated, holding degrees from Harvard, Princeton and Yale.

They established a school on the plantation.

Oil was discovered on their property.

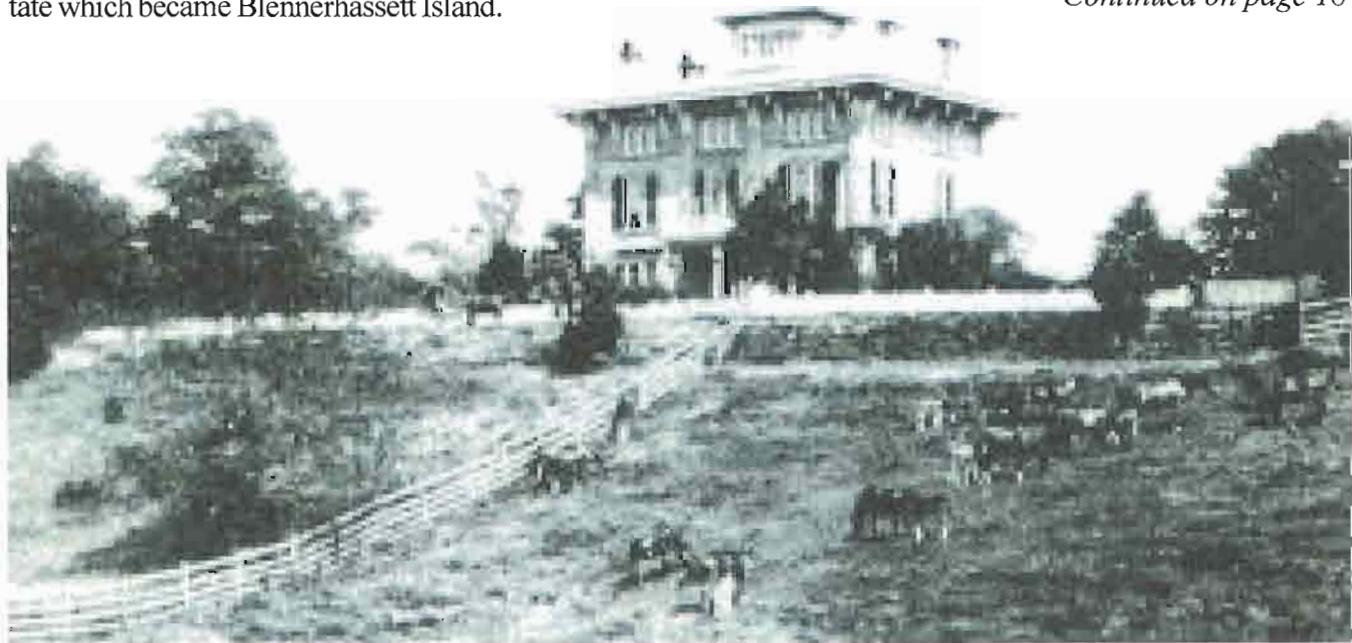
They became famous for raising trotting horses.

The 21 room Henderson Mansion was started in 1836 and was completed in 1859.

William Chapman, known as "Johnny Appleseed," was one of many visitors.

In 1861, George Washington Henderson served in

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## **Henderson Hall, continued from page 17 —**

the reformed Virginia legislature which created the state of West Virginia, the only state admitted to the Union during the Civil War.

The seven generations of Hendersons documented everything. Even the three brothers who entered the Ohio Valley just before 1800 kept meticulous diaries of their journey and subsequent experiences.

Kathleen and I arrived at the front entrance where we were greeted by Pat Meister, our tour guide. I said, "The Hendersons are here!"

She said we had come to the right place when I told her we were the Hendersons. Pat was very knowledgeable about the Henderson families who had lived at Henderson Hall, but she knew very little about Scottish history.

I told her about Glencoe in 1692, the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn in 1314 and Bonnie Prince Charlie in the Rising of the '45.

Inside the front door, in the living room, was an antique rectangular grand piano dating to about 1870. I received permission to play some Scottish songs for her, concluding with *Will Ye No Come Back Again*. The piano was in perfect tune.

Pat was delighted to learn that there was a Clan Henderson Society and that our chief, whether we had a society or not, lives in Australia.

Two weeks following our visit was our Annual General Meeting in Olcott, New York. I reported my story to the Executive Committee and recommended we support Henderson Hall with a \$500 grant. This was approved. Henderson Hall is now a member of our Society. They are receiving our newsletter (I sent Pat a few of our back issues as well) and they are willing to share information about us and the guy from Cleveland who played Scottish songs on their antique piano.

They are very grateful for our grant as it will help them do some needed painting and repairs.

Henderson Hall Plantation is located at 517 River Road in Williamstown, WV 26187. The phone number is: 304-375-2129.

There are three cemeteries on the grounds, but not for the Hendersons. The three mounds were built by the Adena Indians 1000 to 2000 years ago.

The Hendersons did not disturb them.

Sola Virtus Nobilitat!

## **Games Calendar, continued from page 16 —**

### **July**

**1 Gathering of the Clans**, Pugwash, NS, Canada

**1 - 7 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo**, Halifax, NS, Canada

**3 - 5 Kincardine Scottish Festival**, Kincardine, ON, Canada

**5 Round Hill Highland Games**, Norwalk, CT

**5 - 12 Antigonish Highland Games**, Antigonish, NS, Canada

**9 - 12 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**, Linville, NC *Kyle Henderson*

**10 - 11 Saline Celtic Festival**, Saline, MI 10

**- 11 Payson Scottish Festival**, Payson, UT

**10 - 12 Athena Caledonian Games**, Athena, OR *Tom Henderson*

**11 Kamloops Highland Games**, Kamloops, BC, Canada

**11 Scottish Military Tattoo**, Prospect, ME

**11 - 12 Skagit Valley Highland Games**, Mt. Vernon, WA

**15 - 19 Glasgow Festival of the Tartans and Highland Games**, Glasgow, NS, Canada

**17 - 18 Cambridge Highland Games**, Cambridge, ON, Canada

**17 - 19 Bundan Celtic Festival**, La Rocca, Italy

**17 - 19 Maine Celtic Celebration**, Belfast, ME

**18 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games**, Farmington, MN

**18 Portland Highland Games**, Gresham, OR *Art Henderson*

**18 Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival**, Florence, MA

**18 - 19 Elizabeth Celtic Festival**, Elizabeth, CO

**18 - 19 Arizona Highland Festival**, Flagstaff, AZ

**24 - 26 Great American Irish Festival**, Frankfort, NY No Clan Tents

**24 - 26 Dayton Celtic Festival**, Dayton, OH

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**Games Calendar, continued from page 18**

24 - 26 **New Brunswick Highland Games**, Fredericton, NB, Canada

25 - 26 **Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering**, Enumclaw, WA

25 - 26 **Highlands of Durham**, Uxbridge, ON, Canada

**August**

1 **St. Andrews Society of Detroit Highland Games**, Livonia, MI

1 **Spokane Highland Games**, Spokane, WA *Ellen Bentley*

1 - 2 **Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games**, Snowmass Village, CO

1 - 2 **Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival**, Monterey, CA

2 **Montelago Celtic Festival**, Montelago, Italy

7 - 9 **Goderick Celtic Roots Festival**, Goderick, ON, Canada

7 - 9 **Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games**, Fergus, ON, Canada

8 **Whidbey Island Highland Games**, Greenbank, WA

15 **Maine Highland Games**, Topsham, ME *Mark Henderson*

15 **Amherst Scottish Festival and Highland Games** Amherst, NY *Gary Henderson, FSA Scot*

15 - 16 **Douglas County Celtic Highland Games and Clan Gathering**, Winston, OR

15 - 16 **Hunter Mountain International Celtic Festival**, Palenville, NY

15 - 16 **Bitterroot Scottish Irish Festival**, Hamilton, MT

21 - 22 **Celtic Festival and Clan Gathering of Eastern Oregon**, La Grande, OR

22 - 23 **Cortland Celtic Festival**, Cortland, NY

22 - 23 **Minnesota Renaissance Festival and Highland Games**, Shakopee, MN

22 **North Lanark Highland Games**, Almonte, ON, Canada

22 **Quechee Scottish Festival and Celtic Fair**, Quechee, VT

22 **Kalamazoo Scottish Festival**, Kalamazoo, MI

22 **Long Island Scottish Games**, Old Westbury, NY

29 - 30 **Michigan Renaissance Fair (Scots Wknd)**, Holly, MI

## *San Antonio Highland Games & Celtic Music Fest*



**Elton Stilwell**

The San Antonio Games Henderson Tent was hosted by Elton Stilwell (Member No. 3973 - filling in for Sue Hoffnan. Mr. Stilwell was assisted by Lynne Stilwell, Lorene Stilwell and Ian Stilwell.

No money was collected, but member applications were given to several people with instructions.

Elton Stilwell had volunteered to work at the SHUSA tent, doing genealogy (clans and tartans), so time was spent going back and forth between Henderson tent and SHUSA tent. Stilwell was well covered by Lynne and Lorene (Who knew the Henderson stories.).

*Elton Stilwell, #3973, 210 Broadway, Comfort, TX 78013.*

# *The Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, April 17-19, 2015*

**Submitted by Fred and Peggy Sanford**

Don't believe the rumor that the annual Highland Games at Huntersville, NC are cursed with bad weather.

This year's weather did little to dispel that rumor since all went home with muddy shoes. Friday evening threatened rain even as the sponsor's reception went well, under partial direction of Kari Henderson. Then, the torchlight Calling of the Clans was held, and the rain held off even as David R. Henderson spearheaded the event, and announced proudly that "The Hendersons are Here!"

Saturday threatened rain all day, but the ground was saturated nearly to the ankles. The Games were opened with an invocation by our chaplain Fred Sanford, and then, at the Henderson tent, he "officiated" at a Kilt Dedication followed by a muddy walkabout with the Loch Norman Pipe Band. The rain really appeared on Sunday, with the morning Worship Service held inside the Davidson Learning Center, led by three chaplains including Fred Sanford. The Memorial Wreath was prepared by Peggy Sanford, the roses placed by members of Clan Anderson. But the rain was too much, and even before noon the events and tents gave up and headed for the gates for a complete washout of the day.

Focusing in on Saturday, however, the day was full

of activities, and the Henderson tent was crowded with members and visitors.

High Commissioner David S. Henderson was present with his wife Lady Loulie.

The tent was convened by any who wished to add to the site, mainly by David and Kari Henderson, Harry and Susan Keifer, Bob and Suzanne Shimp, Mark and Sandi Henderson, Ed and Sean Hendricks, and Fred and Peggy Sanford.

We also greeted LD Bass, Bill Henderson, William Henderson, Michael Henderson, Beth Calhoun, Kelly Henderson, Becky H. Megevian, Maggie Jorgenson, Erin Henderson, Will and Katie Hester and others who missed signing in.

We signed up two new members: Sandra Doucette of Narragansett RI, and Bill Henderson of Iron Station, NC. Many of us were delighted to meet the most recent Lord Lyon King of Arms from Scotland, Dr. Joseph Morrow, a most friendly man.

And, there was sorrow at the Games, as friend and founder of the Games, Dick Taylor, husband of Keets Taylor, had succumbed to his long illness just prior to the event.

So, we all invite all cousins to next year's Loch Norman Games. The weather will be just great!



*Worship leaders at the 2015 Loch Norman Highland Games: The Rev. Dr. David Brown. The Rev. Father Patrick MacLean. Rev. Fred Sanford from the Clan Henderson Society.*



*Muddy souvenirs from the Loch Norman Highland Games 2015. It was a wet, wet weekend. Your editor has red mud from the first or second LNHG still on the inside of one of her kilted skirts.*

# *The Inaugural Cape Fear Highland Games March 28*

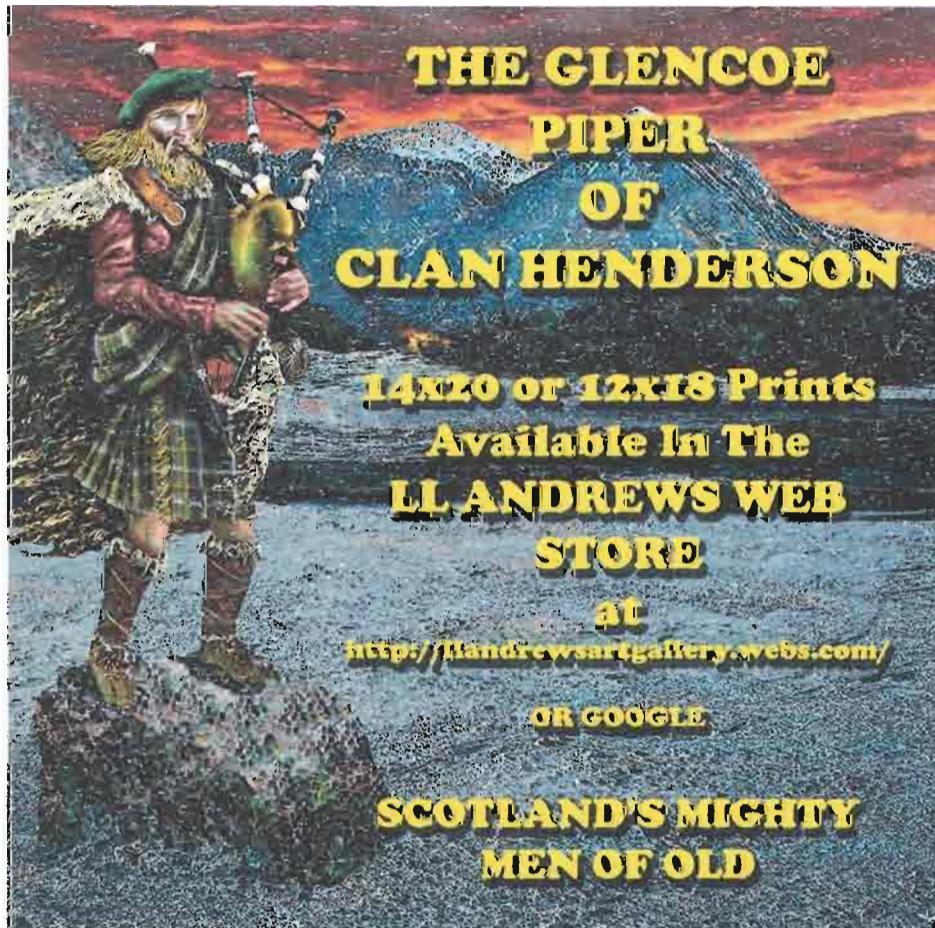
Leon Hicks, MidEast Commissioner

The first-ever Cape Fear Highland Games were held in Wilmington, NC on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Having worked with the organizers of the event, they were not certain whether or not this event would draw any spectators – it did. Over three thousand visitors watched the competition of “heavy athletics”. This is not to say that everything went perfectly. Mother Nature decided to play a role by providing a tremendous down-pour the evening before and also in the early morning. Setting up was a bit of a nightmare. I tried to drive my vehicle to the set up site and found myself almost axle deep in mud, but managed to extricate myself from the mud pit. Having reached the safety of dry ground parking, we were fortunate to have a good Samaritan with a “four wheeler” to help move our equipment to the set up site.

Nevertheless, the sun was shining and the ground eventually began to dry out. By mid-day the area was

generally passable and the crowds began to show up. It was a bit windy and fairly cool. All in all, very unseasonable for Wilmington this time of year when temperatures can be expected to be in the low 70s. Given the fact that this was an inaugural event the organizers are to be highly complimented on their effort. There were at least a dozen vendors present and a stage performance. The Port City (Wilmington) Pipes and Drums were also present and provided excellent music. The Scottish Society of Wilmington also lent its support to the effort. Clan Henderson was only one of approximately five clans present. We were very

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*The 13th Annual Bethabara Highland Games, Winston-Salem, NC, May 9, 2015*

*Submitted by Fred & Peggy Sanford*

Every year a small but busy Highland Games takes place at the Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Mother's Day Saturday. They are held “to pay respect to the heritage of the early Scots and Scotch-Irish pioneers who helped and guided the German

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## Curious CHS members want to know...

The Houston Celtic Fest was cancelled...and the Texas Scottish Scottish Festival in Arlington got flooded out.



## Can anyone help with finding Peter Brack Henderson?

I was hoping you might be able to lead me in the right genealogical direction.

I am seeking to learn about my family history and the people I am descended from.

My Grandfather (late) is **PETER BRACK HENDERSON**, who married **IRIS MCPHERSON** in Aberdeen around 1938-1946.

They immigrated to Australia in 1951 with my Mother **CAROL** (3yrs old) and her brother **RONALD** (5yrs old) on the *Cameronia*.

He was a fitter & turner in the Merchant Navy.

This is all of what I know.

I have tried to pay for various documents from a few genealogy sites but at times I am unsure if I have the correct person given that there were several Peter Henderson's in Aberdeen and in the Navy and I have not been able to find records of his or my Grandmothers parents. Is there a genealogist within the Henderson Society that I may beg assistance?

**Naomi Henderson, PH: +61 459221421, Australia. Naomi Barbagiovanni, PH: 0459221421=**

### New Games, *continued from page 1*

set of games both days with performances by pipe bands, singers, dancers, story tellers, etc. There will be artisans demonstrating their crafts, and clinic in piping and dancing for those who wish to learn these skills. There will also be an open instruction class by instructors from the Scottish Games League that will qualify novices to compete in the games on Sunday. All this plus live music and vendors all weekend. Clan Henderson will be there, as will Clans Gunn, Murray, and as many others that we can gather.

The event will be hosted by the Kerr County Celtic Association, The Hill Country Arts Foundation Point Theater, the Scottish Games League, the Inn of the Hills, and the city of Ingram, Texas. The venue for the event is on Texas highway 39, which can be reached just off I-10 at either Kerrville or Ingram. See the web site [www.kerrcountyceltic.com](http://www.kerrcountyceltic.com) for directions and details.

Elton Stilwell

### Cape Fear Games, *continued from page 21*

proud to be among the original supporters of this event.

Honestly, we were not prepared for the number of visitors to our tent. It was an endless stream of visitors interested in Scottish history as well as the origins of Clan Henderson. We were especially blessed to have the High Commissioner of Clan Henderson David Henderson and his lovely wife, Loulie, present which greatly added to the joy and significance of the occasion. The organizers of the event were also pleased to have a high-ranking official from our Clan present.

We look forward to next year's event and hope others will join us. If you have never visited the Wilmington, North Carolina area, it is a beautiful town with lots of interesting things to see and do.

# *San Antonio Games 2015 great fun!*



Pictures of Gordon, Kerry, & Ruariom Henderson at Henderson tent in San Antonio. also Lynne Stilwell at tent with visitors, and Lorene & Ian Stilwell.

## Elton Stilwell

The 17<sup>th</sup>. Annual San Antonio Scottish Festival took place on April 11-12, 2015. In spite of the threat of inclement weather, the weekend was remarkable. Apart from on and off rain from setup on Thursday all the way through Sunday, attendance was good. Once again the event was blessed with Scottish type weather; cloudy and cool on Saturday. The sun came out on Sunday, following a morning thunderstorm that got a few tents wet, but ended by the time events got started. This proved to be Perfect for the games, and the turnout of a good crowd. I'm convinced that God is Scottish.

I had the honor of filling in for Sue and Dick Hoffman at the Clan Henderson tent this year. After a quick set up on Friday afternoon, I returned on Saturday assisted by my wife Lynne; daughter, Lorene; and grandson, Ian. With their assistance at the tent, I was able to do my shift at the SSSA (Scottish Society of San Antonio) genealogy tent, and participate in Scottish Country dancing and the bonny knees contest (no glory there!). Lorene was especially helpful as a storyteller keeping visitors entertained. We had a couple distinguished visitors at our tent: Alan Henderson (member # 024!) from Georgia, and a genuine Henderson Scot from Fife, Scotland, Gordon Henderson (dressed in his Henderson kilt), and his wife Kerry, and young son, Ruarion. Gordon is here from the RAF to train with the USAF for three years. I hope we can see more of them. I invited them to join us in Salado in November. Gordon won the bonny knees contest, and presented the trophy to his bonny wee son.

The San Antonio Pipes and Drums were present, as were the Bluebonnet country dancers, the Viking encampment, the Scottish soldier demonstration, piping contests, Highland dancing, and various craft and cooking

demonstrations. Celtic music groups (Blaggards, Ravenmoor, The Jig is Up, Michael Harrison, etc.) provided a steady flow of Celtic rock and ballads in the background. Scottish athletics seemed to draw a big crowd both days, but especially on Sunday for the sheaf toss when a father and son were competing at the 37 and 38 foot bar!



## **Flowers of the Forest, continued from page 7**

Naomi Lassell of The Villages, brother Carl Lassell and wife Dominique of Pawcatuck, CT, daughter Tania Pomroy and her partner Josh Martel of Mystic, CT, daughter Dina Rowe and her husband Skip Rowe of Mystic, CT, step sons Jordan and Joshua Bass of The Villages, mother in law Doris Paese of The Villages and his beloved and precious 6 grandchildren and nephews.

## *CHS first time at Colonial Highland Gathering*

**Mark Anthony Henderson**

Saturday, May 16, 2015 was a fascinating day in the rolling hills and farmland of Northeast Maryland.

It was the first time Clan Henderson convened at the Colonial Highland Gathering held at Fair Hill Race Track, Fair Hill, Maryland. The Scottish Games Association of Delaware, Inc. sponsored the 55th annual one day event.

The games are "cozy" in size, but ample in attendance. The gathering location is near the borders of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Clan Henderson established our presence among other clans in the designated Clachan (village of the clans). Katryna and Iain Henderson assisted in preparing for the event as well as convening.

Regular game attendees informed us that people were both surprised as well as pleased that the Henderson's had officially arrived. One of our first visitors was Charles Henderson who lived nearby in Elkton, Maryland and was a regular at the games. He was happy to learn about Clan Henderson.

Katryna made some small buttons with the Clan Henderson badge. Suffice it to say, we made several people, young and old, honorary Hendersons for day.

Iain carried the gonfalon for the clan parade. As he and I were lining up for the clan parade, Derek Arnold and his mother Donna Toole, both of White Hall, Maryland joined us. Moments before the start, Audrey and David Henderson Burt, from Wilmington, Delaware joined our contingent from the crowd. David wore his Henderson kilt in modern colors. When they announced Clan Henderson, we heartily yelled "The Hendersons are here" to great applause.

We are proud of the turnout and support. Now that we have a foothold, we plan to return next year in force.

### ***Bethabara, continued from page 21***

Moravians in their settlement" here in the 1750's. The park contains museum artifacts, and even stone foundations of the original houses on the property. A history of the settlement was researched and written by Christopher E. Hendricks and J. Edwin Hendricks, associated with the NC Museum of History—surely Henderson cousins.

On Saturday, May 9 of this year the event took place on a beautiful sunny day, with activities taking place in several venues on the property: the tent and parade field, the athletic field, a Celtic Music stage, a fiddler's workshop and competition area, a story-telling house, and the vendor's street. Peggy and I once again set up the Henderson tent for about the tenth year and while we had only a few visitors there was excitement throughout the day. Those who signed our welcome sheet were Beth Calhoun of Raleigh, Lydia Tyrrell of Winston-Salem, and James Henderson of Walkertown, NC. We could have used more Henderson cousins who live nearby; see you next year!

## *Clan Henderson Membership Pins*

presented June 2015 by

**Mark Henderson, FSA Scot**  
Vice President, Membership



Gold membership pins (25 years) were presented to Donald E. Henderson of Bremerton, WA, George C. Henderson of Lexington, SC, James F. Henderson of Atlanta, IN, Jane C. Henderson of Buffalo, NY, Joseph Henderson of Long Beach, CA, Susan Hoffman of Mabank, TX, Harry J. Keither of Lilburn, GA and L. Blaine Shaffer, III of Omaha, NE.

Silver membership pins (15 years) were presented to Dana J. Adams of San Diego, CA, Robert H. Bailey of Hillsboro, OR, Gloria M. Borgrink of Leesburg, VA, Bette F. Cox of Highlands Ranch, CO, Doris R. Henderson of Tallahassee, FL, George E. Henderson of Austin, TX, Howard S. Henderson of Bryon, GA, J. Steven Henderson of Fairfax, VA, William Henderson of Aylmer, ON, Charles G. Henderson, Jr., of Florence, SC, Harriett, Morley of Chehalis, WA, Carolyn Henderson Sawyers of Post, TX, Mark S. Sellers of Farmington Hills, MI, Willis Savage Whittlesey, III of Holaday, UT and Cheryl Henry Suzor of Summerville, GA.

Bronze Membership pins (5 years) were presented to Cynthia Henderson Callahan of London, AAR, Billy Jerry Henderson of Olive Hill, KY, Jeremiah M. Henderson of Yuma Proving Ground, AZ, Marc Robert Henderson of FPO, AE, T. Warren Henderson of Pueblo, CO, Walter R. Henderson of Lakemont, GA, Sean-Paul Henry of Greenville, TN, Elizabeth Kraft of Athens, GA, Mary M. Laddie of South Padre Island, TX, John R. McKendry of Selma, CA, Paul A. Nebeling of Jacksonville, FL and Fred E. Skipworth of Goodlettsville, TN.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# March - May 2015 brand new Clan Henderson Society members!

## *Ceud Mile Failte!*

Mark Henderson, Clan Henderson Membership Vice President, writes that new members to the Far South Region include Charlotte Lang from Corpus Christi, Texas and Melanie Alysa Jobe from Plano, Texas.

Great Lakes new members are David Henderson from Galloway, Ohio and Cody Henderson of Alma, Michigan.

International new members are Naomi Barbagiovanni from Marangaroo, West Australia.

MidCentreasl is proud to announced that Dan L. Henderson of Washington, Iowa is a new member of their region.

Mid East Region has Donald H. Henderson, Jr., of Oxford, Pennsylvania, Wayne E. Henry of Staunton, Virginia, Eileen Nora Lyons of Purcellville, VA and Tracy Rowan of Dover, Pennsylvania as their latest new members.

Mid South Region claims Jack Ritzbiggon Hall of Madison, Mississippi and Rodney Henderson of Laceys Spring, Alabama as their very newest members.

North East Region announced Sandra Doucette of Narrangansett, Rhode Island, Gordon Fosser of Pittsfield, Massachusetts and Soraya Haglunc of Cromwell, Connecticut as their own new



members.

North Pacific Region is delighted to announce Mary DelRe of Shoreline, Washington and Daughn Sterling of Soldotna, Arkansas as their newest members.

South East region of Clan Henderson cleaims Vanells Bracket of Canton, Georgia, James Creighton of Asheville, North Carolina, Toy Henderson of Pinebluff, North Carolina, James Henderson of Keystone Heights, Florida, Bill Henderson of Iron Station, North Crolina, Paul David Hederson of Pensacola, Florida, Sharon Henderson Lee of Yulee, Florida, Pam Reeder of Mountain Home, Arkansas, and William Richburg of Charleston, South Carolina as their newest members.

South Pacific Region welcomes Nels Henderson of Santa Barbara, California as their newest.

South West Clan Henderson Region welcomes Kathleen A. Henderson of Denver, Colorado and Pamela Vick of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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